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Subject: beginning request

Good day to you both,

I am still plowing through the draft version of the WDR.

Please do several things to make this a clear and understandable document for my neighbors and myself. Make a chart that shows the existing protections[HCP or existing WDR, etc] then add a column showing the new protections required by this new WDR. We do not need graphics we need straightforward lists.

Explain the basis of the high risk watersheds...is it merely, because they have Hookton soil base? Elk River Courts was quite unified in their support against the latest plans that were concentrated in the South Fork/Main-stem tributaries that would directly affect their homes. The NF Elk has been hammered by excessive logging early on and the continuing logging is making the water quality[already too impaired to be used for domestic or agricultural purposes] worse...the buffers are a good step but certainly not 100% effective at stopping sediment from reaching the river. Most all of the North Fork Elk is Wildcat which is even more prone to sedimentation. Explain why Wildcat is not also high risk when being logged? Our soil simply dissolves into the water and is carried downstream where it drops out onto residents' property rendering their property a dump site to the upstream neighbors pollution. A 2% limit on logging just continues the present rate of logging.

Please list the sub-watersheds and their areas so we can see clearly understand what logging you are continuing to sponsor.

A general comment on the Permit is that it is way too wordy; you put too much fluff and stuff supporting logging. Much of what you say just bolsters their image of themselves and obviously slants any reader to their "good" business which has been so destructive to residents lives, property and historical domestic water source. You need to clearly cut sedimentation delivery to the river and onto residents's downstream property and you need to clearly show what those measures are and how effective they are; what your confidence factor in them is and what margin of error you have used?

This will help a lot when explaining what this new WDR does besides continue more logging.

thank you,
Kristi